



Report of the 8th Annual Conference of The Telemedicine Society of India, Odisha Chapter (Oditelecon 2019) held at Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) Training Center, Sunabeda, Koraput, Odisha on 14th April, 2019

The 8th annual conference of The Telemedicine Society of India (TSI), Odisha Chapter (Oditelecon 2019) was organized by TSI, Odisha Chapter jointly with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) Hospital, Sunabeda and with support from Indian Medical Association (IMA), Koraput Branch on 14th April 2019. The venue for the conference was HAL Training Center, Sunabeda, Koraput. The theme of the conference was *“Telemedicine Technology enabled preventive and curative health care”*. 101 delegates attended the conference. Dr. B N Mohanty was the chief coordinator and Dr. Sibananda Mohanty was the coordinator of the conference. Dr. Anita Jain, was the local organizing chairman and Dr. Sanjay K Mohapatra was the local organizing secretary of the event.

A workshop on “Fundamentals of Telemedicine” was held from 9.00am to 10.30am. Dr. P K Pradhan, Hony. Secretary of Telemedicine Society of India (TSI) was the convener of the workshop. Hardware and software used to set up a telemedicine node were explained by Mr. S S Narwariya and Mr. Nilesh Rathi from CDAC, Pune. Mr. Debanandan Senapati, Junior Telecom. Officer, BSNL, Odisha working at Koraput talked on terrestrial connectivity for supporting a telemedicine platform. Dr. B N Mohanty, Hony. adviser to Odisha Govt. for Telemedicine and Dr. S K Mishra Nodal Officer I/C SGPGI Telemedicine Program shared their experiences in setting up telemedicine networks in Odisha and UP.

The conference was inaugurated by Shri Debashis Deb., Executive Director Koraput Division, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Sunabeda. Mr. Vimal Wakhlu, President, Telemedicine Society of India and Dr. K N Choudhury, President, Indian Medical Association, Koraput branch were the Guests of Honour in the inauguration function. Dr. Surendra Nath Senapati, President of TSI, Odisha Chapter presided over the function.

The speakers for the invited lecture session on 'Clinical Applications of Telemedicine' were Mr. Vimal Wakhlu from New Delhi, Dr. B N Mohanty from Cuttack, Dr. I B Kar from Cuttack and Dr. Anjali Mishra from Lucknow. The speakers for the invited lecture session on 'Use of Technology in Clinical Practice & Education' were Dr. S K Mishra from Lucknow, Dr. P K Pradhan from Lucknow and Dr. S N Senapati from Cuttack.

In the afternoon a session on 'ICT-enabled health care delivery practice' was held in which Dr.Sibananda Mohanty from Baripada, Dr.Prabir Kumar Roy from Apollo Hospital, Hyderabad and Dr.Biswajit Mohapatra from Rourkela participated as speakers. Dr.S K Mishra moderated a panel discussion on .'Telemedicine Technology enabled preventive and curative health care'. The panelists were Mr.Vimal Wakhlu, Dr.Prabir Ch.Mohanty , Dr.B N Mohanty and Dr.Srikanta Patnaik

There were 16 speakers in the conference from 13 different organizations. Medical professionals and paramedical personnel from Dist.Hrqs. Hospital Koraput; SLN Medical College, Koraput; HAL Hospital, Sunabeda; NALCO Hospital, Jamanjodi, few others from nearby hospitals and members of Indian Medical Association, Koraput branch attended the conference. Telemedicine nodal officers and telemedicine technicians from Govt. Medical College Hospitals & District Hqrs. hospitals also attended the conference.

The Annual General Body Meeting of The TSI, Odisha Chapter was held on the same day at 1.00pm.The following life members of TSI were unanimously elected as office bearers of the Odisha state chapter for the term 2019-2020.

President: Dr. Prabeer Ch. Mohanty, Bhubaneswar
Immediate Past-President: Dr.Surendra Nath Senapati,Cuttack
President-elect: Dr. Manoranjan Patnaik,Cuttack
Vice-President: Dr.Srikanta Patnaik, Bhubaneswar
Secretary: Dr.Arun Kumar Mohanty, Cuttack
Jt.Secretary-cum-Treasurer: Dr.Kaushik Mishra, Koraput
Executive Members: Dr.Pranab S Dash, Baripada
Dr.Arпита Priyadarsini, Cuttack,

Oditelecon 2019 made the following recommendations:

1. There is a necessity for early enactment of Telemedicine Law by the Govt. of India for effective application of telemedicine technology.
2. Telemedicine Society of India, Odisha Chapter shall lay major emphasis on use of digital health platform for preventive health care.
